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SUBJ: LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY HOLDS OPENING SESSION AND ELECTS NEW  
OFFICERS

1. ON JUNE 1, UNDER HEAVY SECURITY PRECAUTIONS, THE NEW  
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY ELECTED MARCH 12 HELD ITS OPENING  
SESSION AND CHOSE ITS PRESIDING OFFICERS. DR. JOSE LEANDRO  
ECHEVERRIA, ONE OF THE DEPUTIES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF SAN SALVADOR,  
WAS ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR ITS 1978-  
1980 TERM. DR. ROMEO AURORA, ALSO A DEPUTY FOR DEPARTMENT OF SAN  
SALVADOR WAS ELECTED FIRST VICE PRESIDENT AND BENJAMIN WILFREDO  
NAVARRETE, ONE OF DEPUTIES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF CABANAS, WAS  
ELECTED SECOND VICE PRESIDENT. ALL THREE ARE MEMBERS  
OF THE NATIONAL CONCILIATION PARTY (PCN) WHICH HAS  
50 OF THE 54 SEATS IN NATIONAL ASSEMBLY. BIO DATA WILL  
FOLLOW IN SEPTTEL.

2. IN HIS OPENING SPEECH TO THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,  
ECHEVERRIA REFERRED TO THE "DIFFICULT SITUATION IN WHICH THE  
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY HAS TO ACT, WHEN SUBVERSIVE FORCES  
ARE ASSAULTING PUBLIC ORDER AND THE EXISTENCE OF  
OUR INSTITUTIONS, AGGRAVATING THE ALREADY LARGE  
PROBLEMS WE HAVE TO CONFRONT." HE NEVERTHELESS  
STATED THAT HE HAD "CONFIDENCE THAT THOSE OF US WHO  
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MAKE UP THE ASSEMBLY WILL BE ABLE TO PUT INTO  
EFFECT OUR ASPIRATIONS FOR THE GOOD OF THE COUNTRY".  
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